

**Department of Mental Health
Exceptions Committee Meeting**

March 5, 2004

Minutes

In attendance were Rosie Anderson-Harper; Julie Carel; Jodi Frederick, Terry Jackson and coordinator Rich Overmann.

Lorenzo Lawson requested an exception under 9 CSR 10-5.190. He is disqualified from employment due to a conviction of first degree assault in 1985. A criminal history record was not available at the time of the hearing but a letter from the Department of Corrections indicates that (a) he committed no other crimes; (b) he was released from prison in 1996; and (c) he was released from parole in 2002. The record indicates that he earned a degree in prison and has many accomplishments since 1996. The request was approved.

Barbara Prater requested an exception due to being disqualified from employment. In May of 2003 the Joplin Regional Center substantiated two counts of class II neglect and one count of verbal abuse against her and entered her name on the DMH disqualification registry. The investigative record establishes that she believed her methods were superior to the directives of the personal plan. There was nothing in her request to indicate that she has changed her mind on this issue or that, if granted the exception, that she would not commit additional neglect or abuse in the future. The committee denied the exception.

March 9, 2004

Lorenzo Lawson
2109 Carol Dr.
Columbia, MO 65202

Dear Mr. Lawson:

On March 5, 2004 the Department of Mental Health Exceptions Committee reviewed your request for an exception date of February 20, 2004 under 9CSR 10-5.190. The committee approved the exception.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at 573-751-8077.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Overmann
Exceptions Committee Coordinator

March 9, 2004

Barb Prater
15687 Falcon Rd.
Neosho, MO 64850

Dear Ms. Prater:

On March 5, 2004 the Department of Mental Health Exceptions Committee reviewed your request for an exception dated March 2, 2004 under 9 CSR10-5.200. The committee denied the exception. You have the right to repeat your request in twelve months.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at 573-751-8077.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Overmann
Exceptions Committee Coordinator